

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

\_\_\_\_\_Blue Earth County (Mankato Field Office)\_\_\_\_\_ District FY09 EQIP

**1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:**

Sheet and Rill Erosion, Water Quality, Feedlots with point source pollution, and gully erosion.

**2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:**

No geographical priority region identified for fiscal year 2009.

**3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.**

Gully Erosion and Water Quality are the highest priorities.

Animal Confinement Runoff as a high secondary priority.

**4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**

A. SOIL EROSION - structural practices Diversion (362), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Grassed Waterway (412), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), Dam (402) or other structural practices will be installed to control ephemeral or gully erosion-**20 POINTS**

B. SOIL EROSION - 3 to 5 tons/ac/yr soil will be saved by the installed practices from sheet and rill and/or wind erosion- **7 POINTS**

C. SOIL EROSION - greater than 5 tons/ac/yr will be saved by the installed practices from sheet and rill and/or wind erosion-**7 POINTS**

D. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - Nutrient management (590) will be implemented-**2 POINTS**

E. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - Conservation Crop Rotation-Organic (328b), Well Decommissioning (351), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393), Pest Management on Cropland (595), Sinkhole Treatment (725) or Use Exclusion in a riparian area (472) will be implemented-**2 POINTS**

F. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM/FLEval rating is 1 to 10-**3 POINTS**

G. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM/FLEval rating is 11 to 25-**3 POINTS**

H. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM/FLEval rating is 26 to 49-**3 POINTS**

I. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION - existing MinnFARM/FLEval rating is greater than 49-**3 POINTS**

J. WATER QUALITY - Distance to a receiving water - the application addresses soil erosion or non-point source pollution and is less than 100 feet from a receiving water- **5 POINTS**

K. WATER QUALITY - Distance to a receiving water - the application addresses soil erosion or non-point source pollution and is 100 to 500 feet from a receiving water-**5 POINTS**

**5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**

See above, 60 points total.

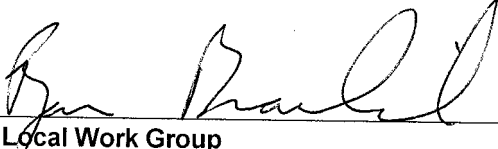
6. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

None

7. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

  
Chair, Local Work Group      D.C. - NRCS      11/10/2008  
Date